

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – SET 7

**NNA12374362R**

### FINAL RFP

RFP Section, Paragraph and Page	Question/Comments	Government Response
1. Section F.2(a), Page 9 and Q&A Set 6, A #6 and #34	<p>Paragraph (a) states, in part: “The performance of the Base Period shall be for twelve (12) months from the start of the effective date of the contract.” The answer to Q.6 (Set 5) states that the estimated award date is May 2013. (The answer to Q.34 refers to the answer to Q.6.)</p> <p>Please confirm that, for pricing purposes, Offerors should use May 1, 2013, as the contract start date.</p>	<p>Per the current PESS milestone schedule, the estimated award date is May 2013.</p> <p>In accordance with the NASA FAR Supplement, 1807.105 the award goal from the release of the Final solicitation is 180 days.</p>
2. Section I, I.1, Page 33	Please confirm the title of FAR 52.223-18 (AUG 2011) should be “Encouraging Contractor Policies to Ban Text Messaging While Driving” instead of “Contractor Policy to Ban Text Messaging While Driving.”	The Final Request for Proposal will be amended to correct clause 52.223-18, see Amendment One (1).
3. Section J, J.1(a), Page 50, Attachment 2, Wage Determination	Section J.1(a) indicates that Attachment 2 is dated 06/19/2012, but the Wage Determination itself has a revision date of 06/13/2012. Please clarify.	The Final Request for Proposal will be amended, see Amendment One (1).
4. Section J.1 (a), Page 50, Attachment 1	<p>Paragraph 3.1(9) of the SOW states that the contractor shall “Provide property management to ensure accountability for installation- provided equipment and facilities and maintain responsibility for annual inventory surveys and accountability verification forms.” RFP Section G.7(a) states, in part: “Under this clause, the Government retains accountability for, and title to, the property ... .”</p> <p>Please clarify the intent of the SOW wording. Is the PESS contractor accountable for Installation-Accountable Property?</p>	<p>Per Paragraph 3.1(9), the Contractor shall provide property management to ensure accountability for installation—provided equipment and facilities and maintain responsibility for annual inventory surveys and accountability verification forms, per SOW.</p> <p>Per the Final Request for Proposal, Section G.7 (a), the Government retains accountability for, and title to, the property.</p>
5. Section J.1 (a) Page 50, Attachment 9	The DD 254 included with the RFP is blank. Please clarify how Blocks 10 and 11 will be marked.	Blocks 10 and 11 are to be left blank and will be completed by individual task orders as needed.
6. Section J.1 (b), Page 50, Attachment 1	<p>The ‘Systems Integration and Test Engineer’ does not have a separate labor category description, nor does it have a level (e.g., I, II, or III). Please provide the labor category description or the Engineering level.</p> <p>The labor category descriptions for the Database Administrator and the IT Security Expert do not list any educational or years of experience requirements.</p>	<p>Labor category description for “Systems Integration and Test Engineer” has been added, see Amendment One (1).</p> <p>For educational or years of experience required for Database Administrator and IT Security Expert, see Amendment (1).</p>

	Please clarify.	
7. Section J, J.1 (b), Page 50, Attachment 9, Sample Tasks	The Sample Task A SOW states: "The project team will work during standard business hours." Environmental testing requires around the clock staffing. Are Offerors to assume no environmental testing?	Per the Final Request for Proposal, Section L.7 and Attachment 9, Sample Tasks states: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A list of all additional assumptions made (including rationale for assumptions) as the task description may not contain all the information needed to plan for a successful mission</li> </ul>
8. Section J, J.1 (b), Page 50, Attachment 9, Sample Tasks	The Sample Task A SOW states the contractor will deliver "A milestone Schedule for accomplishing the mission." Does that include on-orbit operations? If so how long is the mission?	See response to question 7.
9. Section L.6, Proposal Page Limitations, Page 63	L.6 required that job descriptions be included in the 3-page limitation of key personnel resumes. L.7.B.2 requires a response that includes <b>job descriptions</b> including authorities, assignments, experience, and skills required of key personnel. Q: Would the government clarify that the job descriptions required in the resumes are job descriptions of the previously held positions of each key personnel and that the requirements of L.7.B.2 job descriptions is the description of the "proposed" key position. Q: if the above is not true, would the government clarify where they want the PESS job descriptions included?	Section L.6, Proposal Page Limitations will be revised, see Amendment (1).
10. Section L.5 (c) Mission Suitability (Volume I)	L.5(c) Mission Suitability (Volume I). Both technical and management information shall be included in the Mission Suitability Proposal. <b>No cost/price data shall be included except for a schedule of wages, salaries, and benefits.</b> STO B last bullet: " <b>A cost estimate breakdown (direct labor, subcontracts, hardware and software procurements)</b> " Q. Since the above direction precludes placing cost/price data in the Mission Suitability Volume, our plan is to include this information in the Cost Volume. Will the Government confirm that this is acceptable?	Per Section L.5(c) and Section J.1 (b) Attachment 9, the Government has decided to delete the last bullet of Sample Task B, see Amendment (1).

11. Questions and Answers	<p>The answer to Question 32 (Questions and Answers, Set 2) seemed to indicate that the requirement in Section L.7(b)(3)(A)4 to provide “Other Information” for “all NASA contracts completed within the last three years or active for at least one year” would be removed. However, that section still reads the same, and requires significant information to be provided for all NASA contracts the offeror has that meet those criteria.</p> <p>Did the Government intend to remove that requirement, or do we still need to provide information for all NASA contracts held by the offeror and its major subcontractors? The information required to answer the first four bullets of that section will consume quite a bit of page count for offerors with numerous NASA contracts. The relevant wording from page 71 is copied below, with the subject wording in bold:</p> <p><b>“4. Other Information.</b> For all relevant contracts identified in (b)(1) above, <b>and for all NASA contracts completed within the last three years or active for at least one year</b>, the Offeror and major subcontractors shall: [...]”</p>	Section L.7(b)(3)(A)4 “Other Information” will be revised, see Amendment (1).
12. Section L.5 (b), Page 61 table	Reference Section L.5(b): The table on page 61 of the RFP lists Standard Form 3881 as a component of the cover letter. This form is not listed in the L.5(b)(2) list of information to be provided, nor was it provided with the RFP. Will the Government clarify the need to complete this form, and if it is needed, provide same?	Section L.5(b), table will be revised, see Amendment (1).
13. Section L.5 (b), Page 61 table	Reference Section L.5(b): The table on page 61 of the RFP does not list the required Section I Clause 52.227-23, Rights to Proposal Data (Technical). Please confirm this should be referenced after Section H in the table.	Section L.5(b), table will be revised, see Amendment (1).
14. Section J, J.1, Page 50, Sample Task A	Reference Sample Task A: What is the mission life for the technology demonstration?	See response to question 7.

<p>15. Sample Task A &amp; B</p>	<p>We had a question on the requirement to develop a staffing plan on each of the Sample Tasks that we wish you would clarify.</p> <p><b>Sample Task A:</b> Requires “A <u>staffing plan</u> for the full development effort through launch which addresses the complexity of the task and accommodates the requirement that the Project Manager Lead Systems Engineer, and Lead SMA engineer are roles that will be filled by civil servants. Indicate the level of skill/experience required for each staff position identified and indicate the phase(s) of the mission where each position is required”</p> <p><b>In Sample Task B:</b> Requires “A <u>staffing plan</u> to support Ground Data System development, delivery, and Mission Environment implementation and support as well as A cost estimate breakdown (direct labor, subcontracts, hardware and software procurements).</p> <p>In the staffing plan requirement outlined in the sample tasks above, our understanding is that it is the government's intent is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Sample Task A: Evaluate an offeror's ability to determine the team composition (staffing plan) for the number and type of professionals needed to <u>evaluate the feasibility of the project</u> by performing engineering studies and analysis, evaluations, program management support (cost schedule and performance reviews as well as milestone review and attainment) and technical oversight support while assuming the Project Manager Lead Systems Engineer, and Lead SMA engineering services are provided by civil servants.</li> <li>In sample Task B: Evaluate an offeror's ability to determine the team composition of professionals (staffing plan) needed to <u>develop an operations concept</u> for ExampleSAT, including the plan for developing, testing and deploying the Ground Data System and staffing and training the Flight Team.</li> </ol> <p>It is our understanding that the government <u>is not evaluating the offeror's ability to solution the problem</u> and determine the staffing and resources needed to actually <u>build the satellites</u> outlined in Sample Task A and Sample Task B.</p>	<p><b>Sample Task A</b>, the Government is requesting:</p> <p>A staffing plan for the full development effort through launch, the level of skill/experience required for each staff position identified and indicate the phase(s) of the mission where each position is required.</p> <p><b>Sample Task B</b>, the Government is requesting:</p> <p>The operations concept for ExampleSAT, including the plan for developing, testing and deploying the Ground Data System and staffing and training the Flight Team. The Government is requesting: A staffing plan to support Ground Data System development, delivery, and Mission Environment implementation and support.</p> <p>See response to Sample Tasks A &amp; B above.</p>
<p>16. Section L.7(c)1, Page 73</p>	<p>RFP Section L.7(c)1, page 73, states: “Prospective subcontractors shall submit proprietary cost data in a sealed envelope through the Prime Offeror.”</p> <p>Please confirm that the requirement to submit proprietary cost data in a sealed envelope only applies to <u>major</u> subcontractors.</p>	<p>Section L.7(c)1, page 73, will be revised, see Amendment (1).</p>

<p>17. Question 6 and Section F.2, Page 9</p>	<p>Q.6. RFP Section F.2, page 9, paragraph (a) states, in part, "The performance of the base period shall be twelve (12) months from the effective date of the contract." For pricing purposed, what effect date shall Offerors use in their proposal?</p> <p>A.6. We plan to issue the Final RFP in November 2012 with an estimated award date in May 2013. We will continue to update the APT as information changes. In Questions and Answers SET #5:</p> <p>Q.6. RFP Section F.2, page 9, paragraph (a) states, in part, "The performance of the base period shall be twelve (12) months from the effective date of the contract." For pricing purposed, what effect date shall Offerors use in their proposal?</p> <p>A.6. We plan to issue the Final RFP in November 2012 with an estimated award date in May 2013. We will continue to update the APT as information changes.</p> <p>This information was not updated in the Final RFP:</p> <p>Question: Will the Government please confirm that the date provided above for the effective date of the contract is still accurate.</p>	<p>See response to question 1.</p>
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